

**Washington, DC** – Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-CA) has been appointed to the President's Export Council, the principal national advisory committee on international trade.

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As a member of the council, Rep. Sánchez will advise President Obama on policies and initiatives that improve U.S. trade policy, promote expanded exports, and create jobs in America.

**“Strong trade relationships help grow businesses and create jobs in California and across the country,”** said Rep. Linda Sánchez. **“I look forward to working with President Obama to develop an aggressive export strategy to revitalize American manufacturing.**

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**Additionally, I hope to work with the Administration to improve enforcement of our trade laws and agreements so that American working families don't face unfair competition from countries that don't play by the rules.”**

Established by presidential executive order in 1973, the council is composed of business executives, leaders in the labor and agriculture communities, members of Congress, and officials from the executive branch, and reports to the president through the Secretary of Commerce.

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Sánchez is one of five members of the U.S. House of Representatives appointed to the current council. Since first winning her seat in 2002, Sánchez has tirelessly worked to improve U.S. trade policy and better protect workers, co-founding both the Labor and Working Families Caucus and the House Trade Working Group. Recognizing that trade can be a job-creating pillar of economic recovery, Sánchez has advocated for American working families and has led efforts for trade policies that are proactive, responsible, and responsive to American families' interests.

In addition to promoting exports to create American jobs, the council works to strengthen our economy on the global stage and address trade-related challenges among the business, industrial, agricultural, labor, and government communities.